

RI General Laws, CHAPTER 16-7
Foundation Level School Support [See Title 16 Chapter 97 – The Rhode Island Board
Of Education Act]

SECTION 16-7-20

§ 16-7-20 Determination of state's share. – (a) For each community the state's share shall be computed as follows: Let

R = state share ratio for the community.

v = adjusted equalized weighted assessed valuation for the community, as defined in § 16-7-21(3).

V = sum of the values of v for all communities.

m = average daily membership of pupils in the community as defined in § 16-7-22(3).

M = total average daily membership of pupils in the state.

E = approved reimbursable expenditures for the community for the reference year minus the excess costs of special education, tuitions, federal and state receipts, and other income.

Then the state share entitlement for the community shall be RE where

$R = 1 - 0.5vM/(Vm)$ through June 30, 2011, and $R = 1 - 0.475 vM/(Vm)$ beginning on July 1, 2011 and thereafter.

Except that in no case shall R be less than zero percent (0%).

(b) Whenever any funds are appropriated for educational purposes, the funds shall be used for educational purposes only and all state funds appropriated for educational purposes must be used to supplement any and all money allocated by a city or town for educational purposes and in no event shall state funds be used to supplant, directly or indirectly, any money allocated by a city or town for educational purposes. The courts of this state shall enforce this section by writ of mandamus.

(c) Notwithstanding the calculations in subsection (a), the hospital school at the Hasbro Children's Hospital shall be reimbursed one hundred percent (100%) of all expenditures approved by the board of regents for elementary and secondary education in accordance with currently existing rules and regulations for administering state aid, and subject to annual appropriations by the general assembly including, but not limited to, expenditures for educational personnel, supplies, and materials in the prior fiscal year.

History of Section.

(P.L. 1960, ch. 27, § 6; P.L. 1964, ch. 242, art. 7, § 1; P.L. 1967, ch. 160, § 3; P.L. 1973, ch. 214, § 1; P.L. 1976, ch. 130, § 1; P.L. 1976, ch. 198, art. 6, § 1; P.L. 1979, ch. 234, §§ 1, 2; P.L. 1980, ch. 152, § 5; P.L. 1980, ch. 264, § 1; P.L. 1981, ch. 23, § 1; P.L. 1981, ch. 367, § 1; P.L. 1982, ch. 305, § 1; P.L. 1982, ch. 344, art. 7, § 2; P.L. 1983, ch. 134, § 1; P.L. 1983, ch. 167, art. 7, § 1; P.L. 1984, ch. 245, art. XII, § 2; P.L. 1986, ch. 198, § 9; P.L. 1987, ch. 270, § 1; P.L. 1988, ch. 84, § 74; P.L. 1988, ch. 336, § 10; P.L. 1989, ch. 126, art. 39, § 1; P.L. 1989, ch. 126, art. 53, § 1; P.L. 1990, ch. 487, § 1; P.L. 1991, ch. 44, art. 39, § 1; P.L. 1992, ch. 133, art. 43, § 1; P.L. 1994, ch. 70, art. 15, § 1; P.L. 1994, ch. 70, art. 28, § 1; P.L. 1994, ch. 331, § 1; P.L. 1995, ch. 370, art. 18, § 2; P.L. 1995, ch. 376, § 1; P.L. 1998, ch. 68, § 1; P.L. 2001, ch. 86, § 31; P.L. 2010, ch. 124, § 1; P.L. 2010, ch. 125, § 1.)